



March 11, 2008

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Re: Surveillance and Maintenance (S & M) Plans for PUREX, REDOX and B Plant

Dear Mr. Romine:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have reviewed the S & M plans transmitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with your letter dated February 22, 2008. We appreciate your cooperation in clarifying the interface of S & M and activities conducted pursuant to remedial or removal action work plans.

With this letter we approve the S & M plans transmitted by DOE's letter that address PUREX, REDOX and B Plant. We also concur with the approach of placing S & M activities under remedial and removal action work plans when they address facilities covered by Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act decision documents (e.g., Records of Decision, Action Memoranda). Specifically, we agree that the removal action work plan for the U Plant Ancillary Facilities will be revised to incorporate S & M as will the draft Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) work plan for the 221-U Facility. EPA and Ecology attempted to incorporate S & M activities into our version of the RD/RA work plan that we recently provided to DOE.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Cameron".

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cc: Matt McCormick, DOE

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